

To: Mayor Don Wesley
City Council
County Board
Planning Commission

From: Lorraine Retzlaff

Date: July 18, 2001

Subject: Recommendation on East Beltway

I support the planning department staff decision to deny the Far East Beltway route.

I'm a well driller's daughter. I know what our water resources are in the Midwest. The Platte River at Ashland was dry when I was a youngster in the 30's. Lincoln has 150 wells in the Platte at Ashland and Omaha has 250 wells and they expect water to be flowing in the Platte. It will not happen. We will be out of water. The South Platte is dry at this time and the reservoirs are drying up in western Nebraska. Urban sprawl caused by such as a far out beltway will deplete the water supply even more. Lancaster County should slow down on housing developments.

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